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SUBJECT: US TEEN-AGE DEPENDENTS INCIDENT

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1. IZMIR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR INQUIRY MAY 21 ON SIMPLE ASSAULT AND NATIONAL INSULT ASPECTS OF INCIDENTS REPORTED REFTEL; IZMIR JUDGE HELD INITIAL HEARING ON THE ASSAULT CHARGES SAME DAY AND SET NEXT HEARING ON THIS CHARGE FOR JUNE 15. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED INQUIRY INTO NATIONAL INSULT ALLEGATIONS MORNING OF MAY 24 AND WILL NOW REPORT RESULTS HIS INVESTIGATION TO JUSTICE MINISTRY. US YOUTHS HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED IN CUSTODY.
2. THREE IZMIR DAILIES AND TWO NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS, GUYAYDIN

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AND HURRIYET, ON MAY 22 PROMINENTLY REPORTED TURKISH PLAINTIFFS' VERSIONS OF INCIDENT TOGETHER WITH PHOTOS OF ACCUSED AND PLAINTIFFS. ARTICLES FEATURED ALLEGED ASSAULT ON TURKISH SERVICEMAN, CLAIMING ALL FIVE DEFENDANTS (FOUR INVOLVED IN MAY 20 INCIDENT PLUS ANOTHER US DEPENDENT IMPLICATED IN EARLIER ASSAULT ON TURKISH SERVICEMAN, WHO PROVED BE TAF RPT TAF, NOT TUA) HAS SEIZED THE SERVICEMAN, DRAGGED HIM INTO A BUILDING AND BEATEN HIM.

3. INCIDENTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS PROVOKED SEVERAL, HAPPILY NON-SERIOUS, ENCOUNTERS ON 22 AND 23 BETWEEN TURKISH YOUTHS

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AND OTHER US TEENAGERS AS TURKS IN GROUPS SCOUTED LOCAL PLACES

FREQUENTED BY AMERICAN YOUTH, REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR THE TEEN-AGERS IMPLICATED IN LAST WEEK'S INCIDENT. SEVERAL AMERICANS REPORTEDLY QUIZZED RE WHEREABOUTS OF THE IMPLICATED DEPENDENTS AND ONE THREAT OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY MADE BY A TURK HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. AT LEAST TWO US DEPENDENTS REPORTEDLY CHASED BY TURKS, ACCORDING TO US INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE OF TURKS INVOLVED IN THURSDAY EVENING SCUFFLE ALLEGES HE WITNESS TO MAY AS INCIDENT INVOLVING TURKISH SERVICEMAN AND TWO US MALE DEPENDENT TEEN-AGERS. HOW

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EVER, ALL INFO CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO DET 118 LEGAL OFFICE AND OSI DET 42, INCLUDING ORIGINAL TAF AIRMAN'S COMPLAINT, INDICATED PRESS ACCOUNTS GROSSLY EXAGGERATED; THAT COMPLAINT ALLEGED ONE AMERICAN HIT HIM WHILE ACCOMPANIED BY SECOND AMERICAN. (TEEN-AGERS' VERSION IS THAT THEY BUMPED INTO THE AIRMAN WHILE DODGING A PASSING TRUCK).

5. US OFFICIAL COMMUNITY CONTINUING TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND REPORTING VIA RESPECTIVE CHANNELS. SENIOR US MILITARY AND AMCONGEN MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH GEN, KNOWLTON TO CONSIDER SITUATION.
MOFFETT

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